GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:68
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2002
SAMPOORNA GRAMIN ROZGAR YOJNA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the EAS and JGSY have been merged with Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY);

(b) whether under the SGRY, the beneficiaries under the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) are eligible for food for work Programme;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether the Union Government have received any requests from the State Governments that the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) should be regarded as a sub-project of the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojna and the beneficiaries of EAS be made eligible for Food for Work Programme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 68 DUE ANSWER ON 5.3.2002.

1 . The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) will continue as part of the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) till March 2002 with additional allocation of funds, over and above what was initially allotted under the two schemes and with fresh allocation of foodgrains. The two schemes will stand fully merged into the SGRY in April, 2002. There is no proposal under consideration for EAS to continue as a sub-project of the SGRY in the coming financial year.

2. The SGRY is distinct from the Food for Work Programme (FFWP). The SGRY is the single wage employment programme being executed in the rural areas of the country, whereas the FFWP is a relief programme which is, at present, being implemented in the calamity affected and notified districts of 11 States, upto 31st March, 2002. Under both the Schemes, wages are paid partly in cash and partly in foodgrains and those seeking manual work opportunities can avail of such wage employment. The cash component of wages under the SGRY comes from within the Scheme, while under the FFWP the same comes from any Central or State Scheme in which foodgrains available under the FFWP are utilized.